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If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep thyself in the quietude of thy sleep, go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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MILROY'S WITHDRAWAL

FROM McDOWELL TO FRANK-  
LIN.

A Private Movement of the War.

Those who may have read about  
Milroy's withdrawal from McDowell  
to Franklin, will remember  
that an interview was going on  
between one of Ashby's men  
and a citizen. The confederate  
scout it seems expressed him self  
somewhat to this effect.

The confederates are pretty  
badly worsted by fighting and so  
much forced marching. Consequently  
Jackson and Johnston are  
of the opinion that their men  
ought to be rested some, before  
fighting anymore, if it can be  
done. So Jackson has moved his  
army back to Monterey. Johnston  
himself is wounded and gone  
to Staunton, but his men what are  
left are somewhere near Doe Hill,  
and it is likely they may stay  
where they are until Fremont or  
Shields comes to stir them up.

"Now don't you forget it, I tell  
you these things as a friend, and  
I have no fears, that you ever be-  
tray my confidence, for you are  
most too friendly to us confed-  
erates, and too good a Southerner  
to tell anything to our disadvan-  
tage."

It might be very bad you  
know if the Yankees should get  
reinforcements and move upon  
our men while they are resting up,  
and before they get over their  
hard fighting and so much marching."

The confidential citizen is highly  
pleased and goes back to the  
house by himself and begins to  
talk about the early potato patch  
he has just begun to see after and  
tells one of his boys to get the  
seed ready, fix up the fence well  
to keep out the pigs, be sure and  
do it right away.

He looks around upon the  
troopers and makes the remark,  
"Why I thought there were five  
of you stopped, and only four of  
you here now. Is the other gone  
back to carry despatches while I  
was out at the patch?"

"No, he is about somewhere,  
will turn up before long. He  
is probably out watching to keep  
the Yankees from taking us by  
surprise, while we are enjoying  
your nice good things."

After awhile he comes in and  
reports no Yankees in sight and  
after a little more time passed  
in social chatting, the scouts  
prepare to mount and ride away.

Before starting however their  
hospitable entertainer says, "Gen-  
tlemen will you be so good as to  
give me your names?"

"O certainly Sir," Then fol-  
lows a mutual introduction, all  
around, names most fictitious, but  
the same as genuine to him. Look-  
ing the one in the eye, he had  
talked with at the patch, he very  
pleasantly remarked, "Men call  
again whenever it may suit you,  
my house is always open to you,  
soldiers fighting for our rights, I  
think, ought to be well treated so  
long as the Yanks leave me any-  
thing to do it with."

"Thank you kindly, sir, we will  
with pleasure." Mounting their  
horses away the troopers dashed,  
both parties however laughing in  
their sleeves.

Who laughed the most gleefully  
it is hard to say but who had  
the best reasons for laughing the  
reader may decide.

Not long after the scouts passed  
out of sight, on their return up  
the Branch, their genial host  
seemed to have some business  
with a neighbor, "a confidential  
friend on whom he could rely"  
and after an interesting interview,  
they separated mutually pleased.

That neighbor forthwith would  
have urgent business at Franklin,  
and soon was trotting down the  
pike in joyous mood, feeling sure  
Mr. Fremont, would make him  
very welcome at his grand head-  
quarters.

The famous Pathfinder now  
sees his way clear as to have to  
travel closely and by two o'clock  
proceed and master the situation  
in hand. Nothing but a few  
to the break of day all were or west.

more regiments is needed to crush  
the rebellion in the mountain de-  
partment. Doe Hill and Mon-  
terey, with the paths leading  
thereto are now the subjects of  
his hourly thoughts the themes of  
his dreams of conquest and future  
renown.

Doe Hill and Monterey are the  
names to be embazoned upon  
the platform on which a grateful  
people might ere long stand and  
raise him to the presidential chair.  
Had it not been for an ominous  
dispatch from General Banks  
there is but little reason for doubt-  
ing that Monterey and Doe Hill  
with their factions Stonewall  
Jackson and the wounded Rough  
and Tumble Johnston would have  
been assailed and captured with-  
out the firing of a gun.

Not many events that make up  
the history of the war between  
the states are more suggestive  
than those that make up the lead-  
ing subject of these two papers,  
Milroy's withdrawal from McDowell  
and Jackson's withdrawal from  
Franklin. In the writer's  
matured opinion these two with-  
drawals made the affair on the  
hills over shadowing McDowell  
an event of pivotal significance  
as to whether the war between  
the states were to close in 1862  
or 1863. Had Milroy stood firm  
to a finish at McDowell and been  
forced to capitulate, the union  
forces in the Valley of Virginia  
would have been so consolidated  
as to have forced Jackson to re-  
main west of the Blue Ridge and  
the exploits on which his fame  
largely rests as a commander  
would have never occurred as we  
can see, and Richmond would  
have capitulated to McClellan in  
1862. Had Jackson pressed  
Milroy and Fremont at Franklin  
even successfully then Banks and  
Sheilds could have headed him  
off in such a way that if he es-  
caped it would have been by the  
way of Covington and Lynchburg  
to the south of the James and  
the flank movement that routed  
McClellan would not have been  
feasible and the result would have  
been peace in 1862.

Such views while speculative  
are so plausible that one must  
feel that more than ordinary in-  
terest attaches to the two with-  
drawals in question.

Milroy's withdrawal from McDowell  
is something unique in all  
the annals of modern warfare so  
far as I am advised. It was  
managed in such a way that the  
private citizens could not tell  
there had been withdrawal and  
after they found it out could not  
determine the direction taken  
whether in pursuit or retreat.  
There was one person however  
that went so far as to assert posi-  
tively his belief that Gen. Milroy  
was on the way to Staunton press-  
ing the confederates for union  
soldiers had told him so. This  
skillful withdrawal was in view  
from the time the battle opened  
on Sinking Hill. Gen. Jackson  
seems to have intuitively de-  
vined that the enemy had entirely  
neglected the key to the whole  
position. So he ordered the ad-  
vance to leave the road by filing  
to the left and take position on  
the summit of Sinking Hill  
which would command the enemy's  
encampment and place the train  
and camp equipage completely in  
the power of the confederate  
artillery.

Gen. Milroy to prevent this  
opened hostilities by sending up  
a number of his best regiments  
to dispute the possession of the  
hill and it became the storm  
centre of the conflict. At night-  
fall hurried preparations were  
made for withdrawal managed  
with signal skill. The first thing  
done was to kindle large camp  
fires as if the troops were pre-  
paring supper. The pickets were  
easily reinforced and then the  
forage and provision teams along  
with the ambulances were filled  
with the sick, the wounded and  
the dead, and started while the  
battle was still raging at dark and  
some time after darkness had set  
in. The artillery followed the  
lived and spent the night in the  
morning was in full retreat whether the enemy had gone east  
or west.

I have a good strong team of  
work horses that I wish to sell,  
anyone in need of same will do  
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Good Work Team for Sale.  
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THE SASSFRAS.

THE HERB THAT CHEERS AND  
INVIGORATES.

Sassafras Parties All The Go At This  
Season of The Year.

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out the firing of a gun.

The lowly sassafras lends its  
aid now to all who desire to give  
a pink tan. It is useful in many  
other ways too. The hostess who  
wishes to give her house party a  
little outing, may arrange for an  
excursion to the woods to accom-  
pany sassafras roots. Hoes and  
half-hands constitute the proper  
apparel for this social function.

The gentlemen too have their  
innings on this social root. It is  
the proper thing for a gentleman  
to organize his select little party  
and go to the woods for sassa-  
fras. The roots are dug before  
refreshments are served in order  
that no mistakes may be made in  
selecting the proper tree.

Sassafras has become quite the  
thing, don't you know!

Along about the 1st of March  
such a winter as was never seen  
before the humours of the  
blood proceed to boil. At forty  
every man's a physician or a fool,  
unless by reason of strength he  
happens to be both, and some  
suggest sarsaparilla and some  
sassafras.

There are two kinds of sassa-  
fras—the red and the blue. The  
red is the right kind and the blue  
has a depressing effect. There  
seems to be no way of telling the  
difference between the two until  
they are both steeped when one  
gives off an unwholesome looking liquid  
about as desirable for consump-  
tion as soap suds, while the other  
is a sparkling beverage like the  
red, red wine, which when served  
in fragile flower like china at a  
five o'clock tea is the one and only  
pink tea of America.

The sassafras or sassafrack is  
an American tree found along  
the eastern states from Canada  
to Florida. It ranges in size  
from a tree fifty feet high in the  
South to a mere shrub in Canada.

We people of West Virginia  
have always thanked our lucky  
stars that the sassafras was com-  
paratively scarce in this State, as  
too much of it denotes poor land.

The great plains of East Virginia  
over grown with a growth of  
sassafras are considered a re-  
proach. To say that a man has  
sassafras growing on his farm is  
to decry the same in market, and  
take off cent per cent from the  
purchase price of said farm.

Whenever a West Virginian  
moves to those east Virginian  
plains, the sight of all that sassa-  
fras haunts him in his sleep and  
he speedily leaves the county and  
goes to the west.

One of the first ship loads sent  
from Virginia to Europe was a  
load of sassafras. It is a great  
beverage in England where it  
goes by the name of salloo.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.  
Pursuant to a decree of the  
Circuit Court of Pocahontas  
County, West Virginia, entered  
at the October Term, 1903, in  
the chancery cause therein pend-  
ing of J. S. and J. B. Smith vs.  
J. W. Campbell and others, the  
undersigned special commissioner  
will on

Tuesday, April 5, 1904  
at the front door of the court  
house of Pocahontas County pro-  
ceed to sell at public auction the  
highest bidder the following real  
estate situated in the village of  
Hillsboro in said county, consist-  
ing of two lots adjoining contain-  
ing 4 1/2 acres being the same land  
conveyed to J. W. Campbell by  
J. S. and J. B. Smith by deed  
dated Nov. 1, 1902 of record in  
said county in Deed Book No.  
33 at page 248. This land has  
on it two dwelling houses and  
other improvements.

Browns Creek.

The last few days reminds us  
that the gentle spring will soon  
be here.

Sugar making in full blast,  
some planting has been done.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coe Be-  
verage, a girl.

Still they move—Rufus Sutton  
moves from Meadow Creek to  
Henry Gums place, W. H. Gun  
from Browns Creek to the Hills,  
Landy McCarty is preparing to  
move to Little Creek in Bath  
county.

W. G. Rackman of Sunset was  
calling on his old friends here  
last Sunday.

H. P. McGlaughlin has had a  
severe case of grippe for a week  
or more.

G. W. Ginger and family of  
Huntersville, spent last Sunday  
at C. L. Moore's.

Hevener Dilley, was looking  
after his interests here last Sun-  
day.

Miss Morella Hogsett who has  
been staying at the Camden Hotel  
at Marlinton for some time  
back is at home.

The hop skip and jump at O.  
K. Warwick's last Friday was  
O. K.

S. R. Hogsett made a business  
trip to Seebert and Mill Point  
last week.

W. B. Corbett & Bro., from  
Highland are back and sawing  
for Dr. J. B. Lockridge.